

29th April 2024

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Many of you will have students who are coming to the Waihi College school Ball on Saturday 18th May at the Waihi Beach Surf Club. There is a huge buzz around the school and the kids are really looking forward to it.

Many of you will already have signed application forms for your student to attend if they are in Year 11 or 12 (Year 13s do not complete an application form, but write their name on a list at the front office). These application forms go over the rules and expected behaviour of the students to ensure everyone has a safe and happy evening. The Application forms are due back to the office this Friday, 3rd May.

To make sure we cover all bases, we are sending this letter to all primary caregivers of our Year 11, 12 and 13 students to ensure everyone is aware of venue details, times, rules etc.

Venue: Waihi Beach Surf Club, 2 Beach Road, Waihi Beach

Date: Saturday 18th May at 7.00pm-10.30pm

Theme: A Night in Italy

Rules: The event is being run by Waihi College staff and students in conjunction with the Waihi Beach Surf Club, and as this is a school event it will be drug, smoke, vape and alcohol free. As with any hospitality venue, the Surf Club has standard rules in place. To help them run the event they have their own security guards, plus we have some coming from First Security in Tauranga also. They will look after the students during the night and ensure everyone is safe and following the rules, which are as follows:

- Guests cannot turn up intoxicated or under the influence of drugs.
- Guests cannot bring in drugs or alcohol to the venue not on their person or in their bag. As this is a school event, they can also not bring in smokes or vapes.
- Violence, disrespect, damage to property, intoxication and drug use will not be tolerated and any guests displaying these behaviours will be asked to leave. As this is a school event, their caregiver will be called to pick them up and their ball ticket will not be refunded.
- A minimum \$200 clean up fee will be charged to any guest that may urinate, vomit or defecate in or around the venue or cause damage to property.

Please ensure your student is aware of these rules. It may help to let them know they are the standard rules for any venue in New Zealand and what they can expect as school leavers when they venture out on their own.

Should you have any questions, please contact me.

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